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NOTICE TO ALL MILK HANDLERS

Italicized terms are defined below.

Public Law 2005, Chapter 396 had been enacted affecting milk *handlers*.

The fee is imposed on the handling in this State of packaged milk for sale in this State and must be paid by the handler. There is no fee on the handling in this State of packaged milk for sale in containers of less than one quart or 20 or more quarts in volume, or packaged milk that is sold to an institution that is owned and operated by the State or the Federal Government.

This fee becomes effective the first month after May 1, 2005 where the *basic price* of milk is below \$18.00 for 2 consecutive months. The first *fee period* will begin in August 2005. The basic prices since May 1, 2005 have been \$18.05 (May), \$16.87 (June), and \$17.14 (July). Reporting forms will be mailed to you soon. The returns are always due on the 25th day of the month. The return for the period of July 31, 2005-September 3, 2005 is due September 25th.

Producer-handlers who sell less than 10,000 hundredweight per year are not subject to the fee.

FEE SCHEDULE

<u>Basic price of milk per hundredweight</u>	<u>Fee in cents per gallon</u>
\$18.50 and above	0
\$18.00 to \$18.49	1
\$17.50 to \$17.99	2
\$17.00 to \$17.49	4
\$16.50 to \$16.99	8
\$16.00 to \$16.49	10
below \$16.00	12

For any container other than a gallon, the fee is computed on a gallon-equivalent basis.

Maine Revenue Services can answer reporting requirement questions at (207) 624-9609. Other questions should be referred to Stan Millay at the Maine Milk Commission at (207) 287-7521.

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

TITLE 36, CHAPTER 721

“Handler”, with respect to a particular container of packaged milk, means the wholesale handler or, if none, the producer-handler or the retail handler.

“Producer-handler” means a person who produces milk and packages that milk or part of that milk for retail sale either by that person or by another retail handler.

“Retail handler” means a person who handles packaged milk in this State that is next sold in this State subject to the minimum retail prices established pursuant to Title 7, chapter 603.

“Wholesale handler” means a person who handles packaged milk in this State that is next sold in this State subject to the minimum wholesale prices paid to dealers established pursuant to Title 7, chapter 603.

“Basic price” means the minimum Class I price of milk established pursuant to Title 7, chapter 603 including that part of the Class I price that exceeds the applicable Class I price established pursuant to the northeast marketing area milk marketing order, but does not include that part of the Class I price established by the Maine Milk Commission to reflect the cost factors provided in Title 7, section 2954, subsection 2 or the increased costs of production pursuant to Title 7, section 2954, subsection 2, paragraph A.

“Fee Period” means the period beginning on the Sunday closest to the first day of the month and continuing through the Saturday prior to the Sunday closest to the first day of the subsequent month.